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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF EC REACTION TO STATEMENTS BY  
SENATORS RIBICOFF AND ROTH

1. THE GUARDIAN, JUNE 2, IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "DON'T  
RENEGE ON TRADE PACT, EEC WARNS THE US, "REPORTED  
COMMENTS BY EC NEGOTIATOR PAUL LUYTEN THAT ANY ATTEMPT BY  
THE US TO RENEGOTIATE THE PACKAGE BEING WORKED OUT IN THE  
TOKYO ROUND WOULD BE "EXTREMELY DANGEROUS" AND MIGHT LEAD  
TO RETALIATION. THE ARTICLE STATED "MR. LUYTEN CAUTIONED  
AGAINST HAVING ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT BEING ABLE  
TO TAKE THE PACKAGE APART THREAD BY THREAD BECAUSE A  
CHANGE IN ANY ONE ELEMENT WOULD BRING CHANGES IN OTHER  
PARTS, AND WOULD BRING THE US UP AGAINST A WALL OF OPPOSI-  
TION FROM ALMOST ALL ITS TRADING PARTNERS IN THE GATT....

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THE TOUGH WORDS OF THE COMMUNITY NEGOTIATORS AT THIS  
CRUCIAL TIME IN THE FOUR-YEAR OLD MTN WERE SEEN AS BEING  
A WARNING TO THE US NOT TO RENEGE ON UNDERSTANDINGS  
ALREADY REACHED, PARTICULARLY ON FOOD AND FARM TRADE."  
THE POSSIBILITY RAISED BY VISITING SENATORS RIBICOFF AND  
ROTH WAS THAT VARIOUS CONGRESS AND SENATE SUBCOMMITTEES  
MIGHT, WITHIN THE 90 DAY PERIOD SET ASIDE FOR REVIEW

AFTER A DEAL IS REACHED HERE, SEEK TO REOPEN PARTS OF THE PACKAGE FOR NEGOTIATION."

2. FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT PORTIONS OF MAY 30 PRESS CONFERENCE:

3. QUESTION: "I WONDER WHETHER EVALUATING THE WAY THINGS ARE SHAPING UP NOW, YOU COULD SAY WHETHER YOU FEEL CONGRESS WOULD APPROVE A PACKAGE OF THAT KIND IN ITS ENTIRETY OR NOT, BECAUSE SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY PERHAPS THE EUROPEANS, ARE LOOKING UPON THE THING AS A PACKAGE AND YOU CAN'T START UNDOING IT AND EXCLUDING PARTS."

4. SENATOR RIBICOFF:...THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT ONCE THE AGREEMENT IS REACHED, IF IT IS REACHED BY THE JULY 15 DATELINE, SOON THEREAFTER AMBASSADOR STRAUSS WILL SUBMIT THE MATTER OF PRINCIPLES TO THE CONGRESS, THEN THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE IN THE HOUSE AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN THE SENATE WILL HAVE TO GO INTO VERY SERIOUS CONSULTATION AS TO HOW WE REACT TO THE PRINCIPLES. IF WE REACT UNFAVORABLY TO ONE OR MORE PRINCIPLES AND THE SENSE OF THE COMMITTEES ARE NEGATIVE, THEN THERE MIGHT BE OTHER NEGOTIATIONS THAT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT WHAT WOULD BE AN APPARENT STRONG OBJECTION."

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5. SUBSEQUENT QUESTION: "GETTING BACK TO AN EARLIER QUESTION, CAN YOU TELL ME IF THE AMERICAN SENATE DOES NOT LIKE WHAT YOU HAVE ON THE 15TH OF JULY, THEN THE WHOLE NEGOTIATION IS FOR NOTHING?

6. SENATOR RIBICOFF: NO IT IS NOT. IF THEY DON'T LIKE IT BADLY ENOUGH, AND SO INDICATE, AND IT WOULD LOOK LIKE THEIR UNHAPPINESS IS SO DEEP THAT IT COULD CAUSE A REJECTION IN THE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR, THEN IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR MR. STRAUSS TO COME BACK TO GENEVA WITH THE OTHER TRADING PARTNERS, AND TRY TO SEE IF THEY COULD RECONCILE THE DIFFERENCES, AND TO BALANCE OUT WHAT SEEMS TO BE UNSATISFACTORY TO THE SENATE.

7. IN RESPONSE TO THE SAME QUESTION, SENATOR ROTH STATED "WE ARE HOPEFUL THERE WILL BE CLOSE CONSULTATION SO THAT WE CAN AVOID THAT KIND OF A SITUATION DEVELOPING. MOST OF US ARE VERY ANXIOUS THAT THESE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SUCCEED."

8. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES WE WILL SAY THAT BECAUSE OF EFFECTIVE CONSULTATION PROCEDURES WITH CONGRESS

ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT ANTICIPATE BEING IN THE POSITION OF SUBMITTING AN UNACCEPTABLE PACKAGE. IF WE REACH AGREEMENT IN GENEVA, IT WILL BE ON THE BASIS OF WHAT WE EXPECT CONGRESS WILL APPROVE. WE HAVE NO ADVANCE GUARANTEES, HOWEVER, A FACT WHICH HAS BEEN KNOWN FROM THE BEGINNING.

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